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¶1. (U) This message is sensitive but unclassified and not for Internet distribution.

¶2. (SBU) On January 17, the judge hearing the Federal Tax Service (FTS) case against PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) for allegedly falsifying audits of former oil giant Yukos has granted PWC's request for a delay in the start of proceedings as well as the firm's request for arbitration. The three-member arbitration panel will begin hearing the case on February 14. The judge also granted the prosecution's request to combine the charges relating to PWC's 2002, 2003, and 2004 audits of Yukos into one case. PWC contacts have told us that the prosecution continues to collect evidence of supposed misconduct, but they believe much of this information of little relevance to the case.
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